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Reports from Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, April 15, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the official sanitary report for the city of Rio de Janeiro for the week ended April 13, 1902. There were 305 deaths from all causes as compared with 368 during the preceding week, a decrease of 63. There was 1 death from accesso pernicioso, a decrease of 12; 27 deaths from yellow fever, a decrease of 6; 6 from smallpox, a decrease of 1; 5 from typhoid, a decrease of 3; 2 from beriberi, a decrease of 1; 2 from diphtheria, an increase of 1; none from measles, the same as before, and 45 from tuberculosis, a decrease of 21.

Respectfully,

EDWARD W. AMES, Vice Consul-General and Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The Surgeon-General, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, April 25, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the official sanitary report for the city of Rio de Janeiro for the week ended April 20, 1902. There were 379 deaths from all causes, an increase of 74, as compared with the preceding week. There were 8 deaths from accesso pernicioso, an increase of 7; 40 from yellow fever, an increase of 13; 5 from smallpox, a decrease of 1; 9 from typhoid, an increase of 4; 1 from beriberi, a decrease of 1; none from diphtheria, a decrease of 2; 1 from whooping cough, an increase of 1, and 38 from tuberculosis, an increase of 17.

Respectfully, .

E. W. AMES, Vice Consul-General and Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The Surgeon-General, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Belize—Fruit port.

Belize, British Honduras, May 10, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended May 10, 1902:

Population according to census of 1901, 9,113; present officially estimated population, 7,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 2. Causes of death, tetanus and debility. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: May 6, bark J. H. Masters; crew. 12; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. May 8, steamship Managua; crew, 16; passengers from this port, 2; passengers in transit. 1; baggage disinfected, 8 pieces. May 9, steamship Breakwater; crew, 36;

passengers from this port, 4; passengers in transit, 31; baggage disinfected, 7 pieces.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at Quebec and Halifax.

QUEBEC, CANADA, May 18, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended May 17, there were inspected 914 immigrants; passed, 902; detained, 12. * * *

At the port of Halifax, Nova Scotia, during the week ended May 17, there were inspected 167 immigrants; passed, 163; detained, 4. * * *

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

Correction.

QUEBEC, CANADA, May 19, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to request that following correction be made in my report for the week ended May 17:

Instead of 914 immigrants inspected and 902 passed, it should read 814 inspected and 802 passed.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong-Plague, cholera, and smallpox.

HONGKONG, CHINA, April 15, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of bills of health issued at this station during the week ended April 12, 1902.

Nine vessels were inspected during the week, 493 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 635 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected by steam.

The sanitary report for the week shows that there were 3 cases of plague and 3 deaths. Two of the cases were among the Portuguese population. For the corresponding week last year there were 18 cases

of plague and 20 deaths.

The cholera situation remains about the same, 22 cases and 21 deaths having been reported. The cases have all been among the lowest class of Chinese—people who live in the most unhygienic way and depend for their water and food supply on outside sources. It is safe to say that the Government water supply has not been infected and when sufficient for the needs of the entire population the epidemic will subside. There were also 2 cases of enteric fever during the week, 1 having been imported from Canton.